

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

July 9, 2014

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 25, 2014, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BILL LIST:

Mr. Watters asked about the payment to the State for the welding cart.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that this is required through the state fire code.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list with the addendum, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Pandos stated that there are two increases in the payroll as of this week one for pension and the health care.

Mr. Pandos stated that the auditors have completed the audit and the report should be forthcoming shortly.

CLERKS REPORT

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she received an application for Mansfield Fire Company for the bingo that will be held on Tuesdays from September thru February.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve the bingo license for Mansfield Township Fire Company for September through February, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that he met with the Contractor for the Diamond Hills project and went through the punch list of items that need to be completed.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2014 –83
REFUND OF ZONING APPLICATION FEE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Alan & Maritza Hame paid for a zoning application with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, their application was withdrawn on May 30, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Finance Office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 40.00 to Alan & Maritza Hame.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-83, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2014 –84
REFUND OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF OFF-DUTY POLICE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, First Energy issued a check for \$ 823.50 dated 6/23/14 for Outside Employment of Off-Duty Police (quasi-public matters) account with The Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, there is a remaining balance of \$ 91.50 in their account,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 91.50 to First Energy.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-84, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

2014-85

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WARREN
FOR SHARING PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield is desirous of utilizing Warren County public works equipment and public works employees for general maintenance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A 40A:65-1 et seq.) Empowers the County of Warren and the Township of Mansfield to enter into such an agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield Committee hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to execute a shared service agreement with Warren County d services agreement with Warren County for shared services of public works equipment.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-85, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE:

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY
OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
PURCHASE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY FROM
JOHN M. McDONNELL, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR THE
ESTATE OF CHARLES JAMES CORLEY AND MICHELLE RENE
CORLEY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 901 LOT 23 ON THE TAX MAP
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of purchasing Property known as Lot 23, Block 901, from John M. McDonnell, Chapter 7 Trustee for the Estate of Charles James Corley and Michelle Rene Corley, at a price of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000); and

WHEREAS, the Township has conditioned the contract upon receiving funds for the above purchase from the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund to fund the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Contract for the sale of said real estate has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of entering into said Contract, and to effectuate the purchase of the same, contingent on receiving the necessary grants; and

WHEREAS, the County will only participate in funding fifty (50) percent of the acquisition cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to purchase the above-referenced property from John M. McDonnell, Chapter 7 Trustee for the Estate of Charles James Corley and Michelle Rene Corley for the total sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000), conditioned upon the Township receiving 50% of the funding for said purchase from the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund, it being further understood that the balance of \$22,500 plus acquisition costs may be paid from the Township Open Space Trust Fund at the option of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Mansfield are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, including the Contract of Sale, to purchase said properties.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3 - REPEALER

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2014-12 and requested that the public hearing be held on August 13, 2014 at 8:00pm, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE 2014-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 91, SECTION 91-4(B) REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Township Code of the Township of Mansfield presently has a Section 91-4(B), which permits that "A special meeting may be called at any time upon written request of a majority of the members of the Township Committee or by the Mayor"; and

WHEREAS, if a special meeting were to be called by a majority of the Committee, it would be a violation of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield wishes to revise the Ordinance to delete portions of this Section; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to allow less than a majority of the Township Committee to call a special meeting, as well as the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION A

Section 91-4(B) of the Township Code shall be amended to delete "A special meeting may be called at any time upon written request of a majority of the members of the Township Committee or by the Mayor" and the following new sentence shall be inserted, "A special meeting may be called at any time upon written request of one member of the Township Committee or by the Mayor."

SECTION B

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION C

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION D

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2014-13 and requested that the public hearing be held on August 9, 2014 at 8:00pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher

Nays: Mayor Tomaszewski

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION: (3 minute limit per person)

Mr. McKevitt, Blau Road, asked if the Township Committee has contacted our representatives about the apartment complex that is being put in close to Beattystown in Washington Township, Morris County.

Mr. Watters stated that he has contacted Assemblyman DiMaio in reference to this.

Mr. McKevitt, asked if the Township Committee has thought about creating a Historic Society for all of our treasures that we have throughout the township.

Elizabeth Griggs, asked that the Committee members use their microphones and speak clearly.

Mrs. Griggs asked where the Mayor resides.

Mrs. Griggs asked about the discussion about plowing the schools parking lot and how much would the township be paid.

Mr. Watters stated that we have given a proposal to the Mansfield Elementary board.

Mr. Rich Heurich asked if the Township Committee has done any work on the request from Charlie Smith in reference to the hanging wires.

Mayor Tomaszewski asked if there is a list of the wires that are down.

Mr. Heurich stated that a list could be compiled so that a letter can be generated to be sent out.

Allison Lorentson, Karrville Road, asked what the contribution that the Mayor has brought to this township.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that he will not be answering this.

Marvin Kocher, asked for the Recreation Treasurers report and Mr. Misertino stated that he had put a report together.

Mr. Misertino stated that he made a chart out of the bank statements.

Mr. Kocher asked if this report was correct.

Mr. Misertino explained the purpose of the Treasurer of the Recreation Committee and what report they will be generating.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to explore getting the bottom half of Janes Chapel overlaid from the fire company, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.